

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000027-2024 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19th January, 2024 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency "*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters*". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

1) Statistical breakdown regarding Garda tasks in the Cork City region, specifically rostered hours for 'on the beat' tasks for visibility and maintaining the peace (Broken down into Events e.g Pairc Uí Chaoimh match days, and Daily Beat Hours to mitigate against anti-social behaviour.). Please provide records over the period 2018-2023.

2) Financial expenditure associated with vehicle maintenance and fuel costs including bicycles. Please provide records over the period 2018-2023.

Clarified Request:

Indeed, my request pertains specifically to the Cork City region.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 9th February 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána where searches were records were carried out and various records identified.

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HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same. Records relating to operational policing matters fall outside the scope of the FOI Act as it relates to An Garda Síochána. Under the Act, no right of access to such records exists. As a result, I am obliged to refuse the release of records relating to operational policing matters.

In respect of part one of your request, I can further advise that Garda HR systems do not allow for the capture of statistical information on the amount of time spent on individual duty types or specific tasks. Garda members may be assigned to several investigations at any one time and may be involved in multiple types of duty during a tour of duty. As such it is not possible to calculate the number of hours spend by Garda members on specific different types of duty.

Therefore, I must refuse part one of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act. Section 15(1)(a) states that:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

In respect of part two of your request, please see below table:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Maintenance Costs	€230,306	€292,745	€474,055	€554,966	€495,490	€585,885
Fuel Costs	€349,639	€374,862	€308,347	€363,973	€443,771	€363,071

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000027-2024**.

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Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8. Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000027-2024) is included in the payment details.

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER



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